

WATERFORD, &c. MAILS.

RETURN is an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated 22 March 1854 :-/or,

RETURNS "of the Hours at which the MAILS are despatched from *Waterford* to *Dublin*, and reach *Waterford* from *Dublin*; the MODE of CONVEYANCE; and the TIME occupied in TRANSIT:"

"Of the Hour at which the Mails leave Waterford for Cork, Limerick, and Clonmel, and reach Waterford from the same Places; the Mode of CONVEYANCE adopted; and the Length of TIME between their Despatch and Delivery."

^a Of the Distance from Waterford to the Tipperary Junction, where the Waterford and Limerick Railway crosses the Great Southern and Western Railway, and the usual Length of Time occupied in travelling from Waterford to the Tipperary Junction :

"Of the HOUR at which the MAIL TRAINS from Dublin to Cork and from Cork to Dublin meet at the Tipperary Junction, both Day and Night:"

^a Of the EXPENSE of transmitting the Mails from Waterford by Car to Gold's Cross, and also from Waterford to Maryborough, or to other Stations on the Great Southern and Western Railway:"

^a And, COPIES OF MEMORIALS sent to the Post Office during the past Year, and of any REPLIES thereto, and of CORRESPONDENCE with the Waterford and Limerick Railway Company, respecting the TRANSMISSION of the MAILS, either Day or Night, to and from Dublin, Cork, Limerick, or Clonmel, by Railway, instead of Car, to Waterford."

RETURN showing the Hours at which the MAILS are despatched from Waterford to Dublin, and reach Waterford from Dublin; the Mode of CONVEYANCE; and the TIME occupied in TRANSIT.

HOUR OF DEPARTURE FROM WATERFORD TO DUBLIN.	TIME OCCUPIED.	MODE OF CONVEYANCE.
DAY MAIL - - - 11 30 A.M. -	A.M. 8 15	-- By Car from Waterford to Dunkirk Railway Station, 2½ miles; and from Dunkirk to Dublin by Railway.
NIGHT MAIL - - - 7 10 P.M. -	P.M. 9 59	-- By Pair-horse Car from Waterford to Maryborough Station, and thence to Dublin by Railway.

HOUR OF ARRIVAL AT WATERFORD FROM DUBLIN.	TIME OCCUPIED.	MODE OF CONVEYANCE.
DAY MAIL - - - 3 0 P.M. -	A.M. 5 30	-- By Railway from Dublin to Dunkirk, and from Dunkirk Railway Station to Waterford by Car.
NIGHT MAIL - - - 5 0 A.M. -	P.M. 10 0	-- By Railway from Dublin to Maryborough Station, and thence to Waterford by Pair-horse Car.

(signed) W. T. Wedderburn.

RETURN showing the Hour at which the Mails leave Waterford for Cork, Limerick, and Clonmel, and reach Waterford from the same Places; the MODE of CONVEYANCE adopted; and the Length of Time between their DESPATCH and DELIVERY.

HOUR OF DESPATCH FROM WATERFORD.		TIME OCCUPIED.	MODE OF CONVEYANCE.
To CLONMEL	1st Despatch, 4 30 p.m.	8 55	By Mail Car.
	2d ditto, 7 10 p.m.	21 15	-- By Mail Car from Waterford to Maryborough; by Railway thence to Dublin; by Railway from Dublin to Gold's Cross; and by Mail Car from Gold's Cross to Clonmel.
To CORK	1st Despatch, 4 30 p.m.	10 15	-- By Mail Car from Waterford to Gold's Cross, and thence to Cork by Railway.
	2d ditto, 7 10 p.m.	21 35	-- By Mail Car from Waterford to Maryborough; by Railway thence to Dublin, and by Railway from Dublin to Cork.
To LIMERICK	1st Despatch, 4 30 p.m.	10 55	-- By Mail Car from Waterford to Gold's Cross; by Railway from Gold's Cross to Limerick Junction, and thence to Limerick by Coach.
	2d ditto, 7 10 p.m.	20 10	-- By Mail Car from Waterford to Maryborough; by Railway thence to Dublin; by Railway from Dublin to Limerick Junction; and by Railway from Limerick Junction to Limerick.
HOUR OF ARRIVAL AT WATERFORD.		TIME OCCUPIED.	MODE OF CONVEYANCE.
From CLONMEL	1st Despatch, 7 45 a.m.	8 55	By Mail Car.
	2d ditto, 5 0 a.m.	19 45	-- By Mail Car from Clonmel to Gold's Cross; by Railway from Gold's Cross to Dublin; by Railway from Dublin to Maryborough, and thence by Car to Waterford.
From CORK	1st Despatch, 6 0 a.m.	10 30	-- By Railway from Cork to Dublin; by Railway to Maryborough, and thence to Waterford by Mail Car.
	2d ditto, 7 45 a.m.	10 15	-- By Railway from Cork to Gold's Cross, and thence to Waterford by Mail Car.
From LIMERICK	1st Despatch, 5 0 a.m.	18 30	-- By Railway from Limerick to Limerick Junction; thence to Dublin by Railway; by Railway from Dublin to Maryborough, and thence to Waterford by Mail Car.
	2d ditto, 7 45 a.m.	10 25	-- By Coach from Limerick to Limerick Junction; thence to Gold's Cross by Railway; and from Gold's Cross to Waterford by Mail Car.

(signed) James Keedrick.

RETURN showing the DISTANCE from Waterford to the Tipperary Junction, where the Waterford and Limerick Railway crosses the Great Southern and Western Railway, and the usual LENGTH of TIME occupied in travelling from Waterford to the Tipperary* Junction.

DISTANCE FROM WATERFORD TO THE TIPPERARY* JUNCTION.	TIME USUALLY OCCUPIED ON THE JOURNEY.
54 Miles (2½ by Road, and 51½ by Railway)	The time usually occupied in travelling from Waterford to the Tipperary* Junction, according to the advertised Time Bills of the Company, varies from 2 hours and 40 minutes to 3 hours and 5 minutes.

(signed) W. T. Wedderburn.

* This is properly called the Limerick Junction: it is 2½ miles from Tipperary.

RETURN showing the Hour at which the MAIL TRAINS from Dublin to Cork and from Cork to Dublin meet at the Tipperary† Junction, both Night and Day.

NIGHT MAILS.	DAY MAILS.
Up Night Mail Train arrives at the Tipperary† Junction at - - 12 8 a.m. Down Night Mail Train, ditto - 12 8 a.m.	The Day Mail Trains do not meet at the Tipperary† Junction; the Up Train arriving there from Cork at 11.47 a.m., and the Down Train arriving there from Dublin at 2 0 p.m.

(signed) W. T. Wedderburn.

† This is properly called the Limerick Junction: it is 2½ miles from Tipperary.

RETURN showing the EXPENSE of transmitting the MAILS from Waterford by Cars to Gould's Cross, and also from Waterford to Maryborough, or to other Stations on the Great Southern and Western Railway.

FROM WATERFORD TO GOULD'S CROSS, viz:						£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Car from Waterford to Clonmel	-	-	-	-	-	216	7	4			
Ditto Clonmel to Gould's Cross	-	-	-	-	-	191	14	11			
									348	2	5
FROM WATERFORD TO MARYBOROUGH, viz:											
Car from Waterford to Maryborough	-	-	-	-	-	950	-	-			
Two Guards for ditto	-	-	-	-	-	965	0	6			
Tolls for ditto	-	-	-	-	-	30	8	4			
									1,945	17	10

(signed) Ant. Lyster, Accountant-General.

COPIES of MEMORIALS sent to the Post Office during the past Year, and of any REPLIES thereto, and of CORRESPONDENCE with the *Waterford and Limerick* Railway Company, respecting the Transmission of the MAILS, either Day or Night, to and from *Dublin, Cork, Limerick, or Clonmel*, by Railway, instead of Car, to *Waterford*.

The Right Honourable Viscount *Canning*, &c., &c., Postmaster-general.

The MEMORIAL of the undersigned Inhabitants of *Waterford*,

Respectfully sheweth,

THAT the cities and towns of *Waterford, Cork, Limerick, and Clonmel* are very largely engaged in trade and commerce; that very great postal intercourse takes place between them: and also that they are connected with each other by railways.

That the present postal arrangements are very defective, there being only one mail in each twenty-four hours between these important places, and that it would be of much importance to the commercial interests of these cities if greater postal facilities were given.

Your Memorialists find that arrangements have been made for a daily mail between *Cork and Dublin*, and they would submit that, without any increase of expense, the same train could convey letters for *Limerick, Waterford, and Clonmel*, as far as the *Limerick* junction; and by an arrangement with the *Waterford and Limerick* Railway Company these mails might, at comparatively trivial outlay, be conveyed to the towns which that line embraces.

Your Memorialists therefore hope that the subject will be taken into your consideration, and that you will have such arrangements made as will afford them the postal facilities which they seek.

Dated at *Waterford*, this 28th day of July 1853.

(signed) *Thomas F. Strange*, Mayor,
and Twenty-one others.

J. Tilley, Esq., to *R. Keating*, Esq., M.P.

Sir,

General Post-office, 8 December 1853.

THE Postmaster-general having had before him the Memorial from *Waterford*, transmitted in your letter of the 1st September last, I am directed to acquaint you, that the payment demanded by the Railway Company for the conveyance of mail bags by the ordinary passenger trains at present running between *Limerick Junction* and *Waterford*, once daily in each direction, very far exceeds the amount which the correspondence to be benefited would justify.

His Lordship regrets that, under these circumstances, he is unable to meet the wishes expressed in the Memorial, by establishing a Day Post between *Waterford, and Limerick, and Cork*.

I have, &c.

(signed) *J. Tilley*, Assistant Secretary.

Robert Keating, Esq., M.P.
21. Lombard-street.

To the Right Honourable Viscount Canvaag, &c., &c., Postmaster-general.

The MEMORIAL of the Chamber of Commerce of the City of *Waterford*,

Respectfully sheweth,

THAT the cities and towns of *Waterford*, *Cork*, *Limerick*, and *Cloanel* are very largely engaged in trade and commerce; that very great postal intercourse takes place between them; and also that they are connected with each other by railways.

That the present postal arrangements are very defective, there being only one mail in each twenty-four hours between these important places, and that it would be of much importance to the commercial interests of these cities if greater postal facilities were given.

That the existing Day Mail between *Cork* and *Dublin* may be made available without much increase of expense, as the same train could convey letters for *Limerick*, *Waterford*, and *Cloanel*, as far as the *Limerick Junction*; and, by an arrangement with the *Waterford and Limerick Railway Company*, these mails might be conveyed to the towns which that line embraces.

Your Memorialists therefore hope that the subject will be taken into your consideration, and that you will have such arrangements made as will afford them the postal facilities which they seek.

Signed on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce of the city of *Waterford*.

(signed) *Josiah Williams*, President.

Waterford, 8 November 1853.

J. Tilley, Esq., to *George Gibson*, Esq.

Sir,

General Post-office, 8 December 1853.

THE Postmaster-general having had before him the Memorial from *Waterford* which accompanied your letter of 8 October last, I am directed to acquaint you, that the payment demanded by the *Railway Company* for the conveyance of mail bags by the ordinary passenger trains at present running between *Limerick Junction* and *Waterford*, once daily in each direction, very far exceeds the amount which the correspondence to be benefited would justify.

His Lordship regrets that, under these circumstances, he is unable to meet the wishes expressed in the Memorial for the accommodation of a day mail with *Limerick* and *Cork*.

I am, &c.,

(signed) *J. Tilley*.

George Gibson, Esq., *Waterford*.

J. Drought, Esq., Surveyor to the General Post-office, to *J. O'Connor*, Esq.

Sir,

Waterford, 3 October 1853.

WITH reference to the conversation which I had with you here this day, I request you will ascertain for me from your Board of Directors on what terms they will convey mails by their trains, fitted to the *Dublin and Cork Day Mail Trains* at the *Junction*, and that you will have the kindness to inform me, at your earliest convenience, for the information of his Lordship the Postmaster-general.

I am, &c.,

(signed) *J. Drought*.

John O'Connor, Esq.,
Secretary to the *Waterford and Limerick*
Railway Company.

J. O'Connor, Esq., to J. Drought, Esq., Surveyor, General Post-office.

Waterford and Limerick Railway, Secretary's Office,
Limerick Terminus, 8 October 1853.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 3d instant, I am now to inform you that the Directors will agree to convey the Day Mail between Waterford and the Limerick Junction by the trains now fitted to the Dublin Day Mails, at the rate of 1 s. per mile. I am also to state, that they would be prepared to take even a lower price for this service, if the Postmaster-general would consent to give a moderate price for conveyance of the Night Mails over their line.

The present intention of the Directors is to take off the 1 p. m. Train from Limerick on 1st November next; but they will not object to continue it, should an arrangement be come to with the Post-office authorities.

I am, &c.
(signed) *John O'Connor,*
Secretary.

James Drought, Esq., Banagher.

W. T. Wedderburn, Esq., to John O'Connor, Esq.

Sir,

General Post-office, 27 January 1854.

I AM directed by the Postmaster-general to inquire upon what terms the Waterford and Limerick Railway Company will undertake the conveyance of the Day and Night Mails in charge of the Company's guards by trains in connexion with the Great Southern and Western Railway Mail Trains.

I have to request, therefore, that you will state, 1st. The terms for the service between Waterford and Limerick, both ways, by trains in connexion with the Day Mail Trains from Dublin to Cork, and Cork to Dublin; 2d. The terms for the service between Waterford and Limerick, both ways, by trains in connexion with the Night Mails, each way between Cork and Dublin.

Requesting the favour of an early reply,

I am, &c.
(signed) *W. T. Wedderburn.*

John O'Connor, Esq.,
Waterford and Limerick Railway.

John O'Connor, Esq., to W. T. Wedderburn, Esq.

Waterford and Limerick Railway, Secretary's Office,

Waterford, 30 January 1854.

Sir,

I AM in the receipt of your letter of the 27th instant, relative to the conveyance of Day and Night Mails over this line, which shall be submitted to the Directors at their meeting on Friday next. In the meantime I shall feel obliged by your informing me whether it is proposed that mail bags should be sent by train from Cork to Limerick and Waterford, upon the arrival of the Up Day Mail at the Junction, or if it will be required that a Train shall leave Waterford so as to meet the Down Mail at the Junction. I enclose you a copy of our present Time Table, and remain, &c.

I am, &c.
(signed) *John O'Connor,*
Secretary.

W. T. Wedderburn, Esq.,
General Post-office, London.

W. T. Wedderburn, Esq., to John O'Connor, Esq.

Sir,

General Post-office, 1 February 1854.

I AM to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th ultimo, and to inform you, in reply, that the Postmaster-general merely wishes to know upon what terms the Waterford and Limerick Company would undertake to convey the Day and Night Mails between Waterford and Limerick by Trains in connexion with the Mail Trains on the Great Southern and Western Railways; viz. (taking, for instance, the Day Mail Down): 1st. By a Train from Limerick Junction

Junction to Waterford soon after the arrival of the Dublin Day Mail there at 2.9 P.M.

2d. By a Train from Waterford to meet the Day Mail at 2.9 P.M., and by Trains similarly in connexion with the Up Day Mail, and the Up and Down Night Mails, stating the charge for each separately.

I beg to observe, that there was not a copy of your present Time Bills enclosed in your letter which you alluded to.

I am, &c.

(signed) *W. T. Wedderburn.*

J. O'Connor, Esq.,

Waterford and Limerick Railway.

John O'Connor, Esq., to W. T. Wedderburn, Esq.

Waterford and Limerick Railway, Secretary's Office,
Waterford, 7 February 1854.

Sir,

REFERRING to our correspondence relating to the conveyance of Day and Night Mails over this line, I am instructed to inquire whether in the event of the Directors naming a moderate price for the latter service, the Postmaster-general would require it to be performed by fast Trains; or whether a slow Train, by which goods could be conveyed, would be agreed to, the hours of arrival in Limerick and Waterford being 3 A.M. and 4.30 A.M. respectively.

I am, &c.

W. T. Wedderburn, Esq.

(signed) *John O'Connor, Secretary.*

&c. &c. &c.

W. T. Wedderburn, Esq., to John O'Connor, Esq.

Sir,

General Post-office, 22 February 1854.

IN answer to your letter of the 7th instant, I am directed to inform you, that Night Trains carrying goods would answer all the purposes of the Post-office for the Night Mail service between Waterford and Limerick; and with regard to the hours, the principal point to be borne in mind is, that the trains from both ends must reach the Limerick Junction in time for the bags to go forward by both the Up and Down Mail Trains between Dublin and Cork, and must not depart from the Limerick Junction until after the arrival of both Up and Down Mail Trains. To effect this, it will be apparent that there must necessarily be a short interval at the Limerick Junction.

I am, &c.

(signed) *W. T. Wedderburn.*

J. O'Connor, Esq.,

Waterford and Limerick Railway.

John O'Connor, Esq., to W. T. Wedderburn, Esq.

Sir,

Waterford and Limerick Railway, 21 March 1854.

REFERRING to your letters of the 27th January, the 1st and 22d ultimo, I am instructed to state, that the Directors will agree to perform the services specified therein for the following price; viz., for the Night Mails, 2s. 3d. per mile; and for the Day Mails, 9d. per mile.

The Directors are induced to name these very low prices from an anxiety to meet, as far as is in their power, the great and increasing desire of the public for improved postal arrangements in the country through which this line passes, and the adjacent districts.

I have, &c.

(signed) *John O'Connor, Secretary.*

W. T. Wedderburn, Esq.

General Post Office,
1854.

ROWLAND HILL,
Secretary.

WATERFORD, &c. MAILE.

RETURNS relating to the Despatch and to the
Arrival of the WATERFORD, &c. MAILE; and
Memorials and Communications respecting
the Transmission of the Mail, either Day or
Night, to and from Dublin, Cork, Limerick, or
Gloucester, by Railway; issued at Cork, to Water-
ford.

(Mr. Robert Keatinge.)

Ordered, by The House of Commons, to be Printed,
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